Chinese Objection to the Visit of Indian Leaders to Arunachal Pradesh

1023. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whethej- ij is a fact that the Chinese Government seriously objected to the repeated visits of Indian leaders to Arunachal Pradesh and have once again asserted that the set up of Arunachal Pradesh is on the .Chinese Territory illegally occupied by India;

(b) if so, how do the Government react to the Chinese objections;

(c) whether there is any possibility of a fresh dialogue with the Govern ment of China on the boundary issue; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWARi SINGH): (a) and (b) Public pronouncements have been made ^ the Chinese press to this effect. Arunachal Pradesh is an integral part °* (•the Indian Union. Government's position is well known to the Chinese Government.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details have still to be worked out between the Govern ments.

Software Package Piracy

1024. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR B1RLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that soft ware package piracy in the computer industry besides individual smuggling is going on in an increasing scale ir the country; and

(b) if. so, what are the details thereof stating its impact on the development of software in the country and the steps contemplated by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE-DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY. ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN); (a) and (°) Government 5s concerned over the issue of the piracy of the computer software.

The following measures have been taken to protect the software:

(1) Software is protected under Copyright Act 1957 as amended by Copyright (amendment), Act, 1984.

(2) Computer Software in any media (excluding Software in floppy diskette with average c.i.f. price °^ Rs. 50 or less per diskette) is per mitted for import under Open Gene ral Licence for the following cate gories:

(i) Actual users including Government Departments and computer manufacturers;

(ii) Software Houees registered with the Department of Electronics for the purposes of stock and sale; and

(iii) Department of Electronics for stock and sale.

(3) "Software India" newsletter a publication of Department of Elec tronics is regularly giving the details of the registered software units au thorised for Stock & Sale of soft ware.

(4) Major Government users have been advigjed to advertise tenders separately for computer hardware and software packages.

(5) R&D project proposals in the-area of computer software have been.